

(b) if so, the names of such countries along with terms and conditions in regard thereto?

**THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA):** (a) and (b). No, Sir. The ONGC, however, has secured the services of M/s. Chemocomplex of Hungary on contract, for drilling a deep well at Ramshahr in Himachal Pradesh. The Contractor will be paid a remuneration of Rs. 18,000 for each day of operation for minimum period of 100 days. Total expenditure on this service contract is expected to be around Rs. 56 lakhs.

#### **Irregularities by the Multinational Drug Companies**

\*439. **DR. BAPU KALDATY:** Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have noticed recently certain irregularities by the multinational companies operating in India for the manufacture of drugs in respect of maintenance of records under company law and rules;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any of the drug units under multinationals has been ordered to wind up its business in India?

**THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA):** (a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

#### **Crisis in Creosote Plant at Olavakkot**

\*440. **SHRI P. K. KODIYAN:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the creosote plant at Olavakkot is facing a crisis for want of sufficient sleepers; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to overcome the crisis?

**THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Due to high prices of timber in the market, the Kerala State Forest Deptt.—the main suppliers to Olavakkot Plant—have expressed their inability to supply sleepers to the Railways at prices fixed by the Central Board of Forestry. The Ministry of Agriculture & Irrigation has been requested to convene the Pricing Sub-Committee meeting immediately so that these prices could be reviewed, particularly for supplies from Kerala. Efforts are also under way to get supplies from Andaman & Nicobar Islands for the Olavakkot Plant.

#### **Railway link between Rishikesh and Karnaprayag**

\*441. **SHRI JAGANNATH SHARMA:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey had been made in the past for providing a Railway link between Rishikesh and Karnaprayag;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any decision in the matter; and

(c) whether Government propose to make a fresh survey of the above Project?

**THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE):** (a) and (b). A survey carried out during 1927 revealed that the cost of this 160 kms. long line even as narrow gauge would be prohibitive and the project was, therefore, abandoned.

(c) No, Sir.